



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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NOTICE

The Board of Elections will meet in their offices, 50 Branch Avenue, Providence, R.I. as follows:

Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 3:00 P.M.

AMENDED AGENDA

- The Board may vote to approve the minutes for the meeting held on October 30, 2014 and November 19, 2014.
- The Board may vote to adopt/amend the proposed meeting calendar for 2015.
- The Board may hold hearings and vote on a complaint filed by Cianci for Mayor against Priorities PVD and Myrth York concerning allegations of violation of campaign finance laws during the 2014 campaign.
- The Board may vote to approve and/or amend staff recommendations for proposed legislation for submission to the General Assembly. As follows:

The proposed change to 17-25-10(a)(1) and 17-25-10(c) will include the candidate as an allowable recipient of campaign contributions, consistent with language throughout other sections of Chapter 25.

The proposed change to 17-25-10(b) will eliminate the ambiguity of reporting requirements for an independent advocate following the enactment of 17-25.3

The proposed change to 17-25-11(e) will allow a candidate who funds his/her own campaign, or who receives contributions in-kind from its political party to qualify for the annual filing exemption.

The proposed change to 17-25-11(g) will cap total fines at \$1,000 and prohibit non-filers and candidates and committees with outstanding fines from declaring for office or accepting contributions or making expenditures until the non-compliance is remedied.

17-9.1-26 – Change the mail ballot application allowing the application to serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters who request a mail ballot from the address from which the voter is currently registered.

17-20-2.1 – (regular application) Change the mail ballot application allowing the application to serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters who request a mail ballot from the address from which the voter is currently registered.

17-20-2.2 - (emergency application) Change the mail ballot application allowing the application to serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters who request a mail ballot from the address from which are currently registered. Also eliminate the language on the application that requires voters to state what constitutes the emergency, and that the emergency occurred within 20 days prior to the 4pm deadline the day prior to an election/primary.

17-20-10 – Change the specific BOE address to become generic.

17-20-13.1 – (emergency ballot application) Remove the reason for the request to receive an emergency mail ballot.

17-20-19 – Change the specific BOE address to become generic.

17-20-23 – Remove the language that the oath envelope has to be sealed in the outer envelope and also change the time the ballot must be received by the BOE to match other statutes that state when polls close or ballots must be received by the BOE.

17-20-26 – Remove the BOE requirement that BOE must advertise certifications in a newspaper of general circulation and allow the BOE to post the certification on the SOS open meetings website.

Remove the notification to candidates for state and federal offices and allows notification to the recognized political parties.

Also eliminate the language that the outer envelope must be attached to the oath envelope.

Remove language that the BOE can begin tabulating ballots into the central count optical scan unit.

17-20-27 – changes the length of time required to store mail ballots after an election to be consistent with ballots cast in the communities which follow federal law.

17-23-2 – repeal this statute concerning signatures on posters and fliers in order to be consistent with federal law.

- The Board may vote to approve and/or amend proposed legislative recommendations by members of the board.
- The Board may vote to approve and/or amend the fiscal 2015 revised budget and the fiscal 2016 budget request.

- The Board may meet in executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss and/or vote on 3 litigation matters including *Cianci for Mayor v. Richard H. Pierce, et al.*, C.A. No. PC2014-5311; *Newport Grand, LLC v. Citizens Concerned About Gambling*, C.A. No. NC2014-0412; *Andreza Skipworth v. Rhode Island Board of Elections, et al.*, RICHR #15ERA087-06/06.

Said meetings are open meetings and all interested parties are invited to attend. Those persons having any questions should direct them to the undersigned at 222-2345. Persons requiring hearing assistance or interpreter services must call this office at least 48 hours in advance of the meetings.

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